Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Rajasthan, the Ministry of Coal and Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited was signed on 2-11-1987 for lignite mining and lignite based power generation in Bikaner District of Rajasthan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Rajasthan requested the Government of India, in November, 1993 for exclusion of Gurha (including Bithnock) from the aforesaid MOU. Government of India's no objection has been conveyed to the Government of Rajasthan in January, 1994.

Investment in view completed/Re-organised Open Cast Mines

5268. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount of investment in new completed/re-organised open cast mines upto the year 1993-94; and

(b) what was the projected capacity of the new completed/re-organised open cast mines for the year 1993-94; and

(c) what is the present production of new completed/re-organised open cast mines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) Total amount of investment upto year 1993-94, projected capacity for year 1993-94 and present production of new completed/re-organised opencast mines (above Rs. 20 crores) is given below :

Company	Investment 93-94 (Rs. in Crs.) (Provisional)	capacity for year MT	Production 93-94 MT
CIL	3123.25	84.050	75.3163
SCCL	426.31	7.528	8.0420
TOTAL :	3549.56	91.578	83.3583

MT—Million Tonnes.

Reserve of Leasehold Area of Coal Acquired by Coal India Limited

5269. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) how much is the reserve of leasehold area of coal that has been taken or acquired by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries/Singareni Collieries Co. Limited (SCCL) out of the total proved reserve of coal of 64,853 million tonnes;

(b) how much of the total reserve of leasehold area of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries/SCCL is within the depth of 300 metres;

(c) why Coal India and its subsidiaries/SCCL are not interested in developing the reserves of coal found beyond the depth of 400 to 600 metres; and

(d) the names of the projects where coal reserves found beyond the depth of

300 metres which are being developed by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries/ SCCL name-wise and production-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Coal reserves in the leasehold areas of Coal India Limited (CIL) and subsidiaries and of Singareni Collieries Company Limited SCCL name-wise and production-wise ?

(in million tonnes)

Name	Proved	Proved upto depth of 300 metres
CIL	56,758	45,899
SCCL	6,079	4,418

(c) It is not a fact that CIL and SCCL are not interested in extracting coal found beyond the depth of 400 metres. However, reserves occuring beyond 600 metres are not techno-economically feasible for extraction at present.

(d) Following projects beyond 300 metres depth have been formulated and Feasibility Reports submitted by SCCL.

Name of the Project	Projected Capacity per annum
Ramagundam Soaft Block-I	1.80 m. t.
Manuguru Shaft Block-I	1.82 m. t.

Projects being developed by CIL for exploiting coal reserves to reach beyond 300 metres are as below :

Name of the UG Project	Production during 1993-94 (Million tonnes) (Provisional)
Jhanjra	0.64
Satgram	0.12
Khottadih	0.20
Chinakuri-I (proposed to be developed)	0.07
Moonidih	0.68
Bhalgora	0.44
Pootkee Bulihari	0.33
Sudamdih	0.40
North Amlabad	0.13